

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0735A
Kazuyuki YAMANE et al. : **Confirmation No. 3249**
Serial No. 10/579,560 : Group Art Unit 1742
Filed May 16, 2006 : Examiner Michael T. Piery
METHOD OF RECYCLING LAMINATED MOLDING : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 1, 2011, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peters et al. (US 6,090,860) in view of Shiiki et al. (US 6,673,403), Schwartz, Jr., et al. (US 5,395,858), and Bigg et al. (US 2002/0123546). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner acknowledges that Peters does not teach that further separation is complete dissolution through hydrolysis. The Examiner indicates that Schwartz teaches that it is known to separate polyester resin from a principal resin using complete hydrolysis through dissolution. The Examiner takes the position that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the process of Peters to use the separation step of Schwartz, because the separation step of Schwartz allows for recovery of the original components of the polyester and the original principal resin.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position.